

Thursday's World at Lunch contributions ...

Surely the link between abusing animals and the world's health is now clear

A disregard for creature welfare is often central to disease. But politicians won't dare make the connection

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/11/surely-the-link-between-abusing-animals-and-the-worlds-health-is-now-clear>

Trump's rhetoric will make the pandemic worse. Words are now a matter of life and death

Trump used to flirt with anti-vaxxers. Now he is demanding a coronavirus vaccine

<https://www.theguardian.com/global/commentisfree/2020/mar/13/trump-coronavirus-antivaxxer-vaccine>

Memo to the UK: women's voices can also be useful in this crisis

The key decisions about lockdown and containment are all being made by men

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/11/memo-to-the-uk-womens-voices-can-also-be-useful-in-this-crisis>

Focus on Palestine ...

Israeli settlers exploit lockdown to annex Palestinian land

<https://www.middleeye.net/news/coronavirus-palestine-israel-settlers-exploit-lockdown-annex-land>

How a Palestinian shoemaker started the West Bank's only mask factory overnight

<https://www.972mag.com/coronavirus-mask-factory-hebron/>

Spike in settler violence during pandemic: Palestinians and homes repeatedly attacked

https://www.btselem.org/video/20200412_spike_in_settler_violence_during_pandemic

Jewish Voice for Peace who work for a just and lasting peace in Israel/Palestine with equality and dignity.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/JewishVoiceforPeace/videos/>

Support for Palestinians

Medical Aid for Palestinians <https://www.map.org.uk/>

Palestine Red Crescent Society <https://www.palestinercs.org/>

Other articles you might find interesting ...

The sky's the limit: why together we're greater than the sum of our parts

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/feb/15/the-skys-the-limit-why-together-we-are-greater-than-the-sum-of-our-parts>

We'll find a treatment for coronavirus – but drug companies will decide who gets it

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/15/coronavirus-treatment-drug-companies>

UK government urged to investigate coronavirus deaths of BAME doctors

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/apr/10/uk-coronavirus-deaths-bame-doctors-bma>

COVID-19 and false 5G conspiracies

<https://hackinginquiry.org/covid19conspiracy/>

How to make a homemade mask

<https://masks4all.co/how-to-make-a-homemade-mask/>

Videos and Podcasts ...

You Clap for Me Now: hails key workers with an antiracist poem showing the crucial role of BAME people in the coronavirus crisis

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/apr/15/you-clap-for-me-now-video-hails-key-workers-anti-racist-poem-coronavirus>

Global Justice Now – Podcast 5: Coronavirus, capitalism and global inequality

<https://www.globaljustice.org.uk/global-justice-now-podcast>

Halal if you hear me ... poetry anthology celebrating Muslim women, queer, trans, and gender non-conforming voices <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000gt7y>

Activities

A 'magic' activity from the Book Trust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/misc/magic-show.pdf>

If you are into Michael Morpurgo's books there are some good things on his website

<https://www.michaelmorpurgo.com/resources/>

Follow Tayna on her journey to the Dominican Republic to find out how cocoa is grown

<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/resource/adventure/>

Become part of the new Voices Around the World project

<https://voicesaround.com/register-to-join-our-new-project>

Campaigning

Support access for all to covid-19 testing and treatment ahead of G20 meeting of Health Ministers on Monday 19th April

<https://act.globaljustice.org.uk/uk-support-access-all-covid-19-testing-treatments-and-vaccines>

Questions asked about reopening of schools - it is safe to do so?

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/open-schools-when-it-is-safe>

We can all be refugees

Sometimes it only takes a day,

Sometimes it only takes a handshake

Or a paper that is signed.

We all came from refugees

Nobody simply just appeared,

Nobody's here without a struggle,

And why should we live in fear

Of the weather or the troubles?

We all came here from somewhere.

Benjamin Zephaniah